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Honorable Carol Moseley-Braun
United States Senator
230 South Dearborn
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Dear Senator Moseley-Braun:

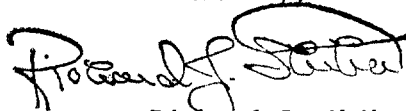
This is in reply to your letter of February 16, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Steve Worack, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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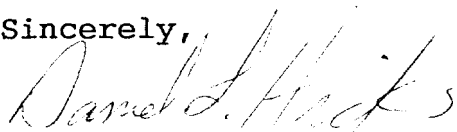
To Whom It May Concern,

I am enclosing a copy of an inquiry that I received from Steve Worack.

Because of this office's desire to be responsive to all communications, your consideration of the attached is requested.

Your findings and views, in duplicate form along with the return of this correspondence, will be appreciated. Please forward to my office at; 230 South Dearborn, Suite 3996, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Daniel L. Hicks,
Constituent Assistant to
Carol Moseley-Braun, U.S.S.

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The Honorable Carol Moseley Braun
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Dear Senator Braun:

I am a manufacturer of train accessories that are sold by hobby retailers nationwide.

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that has the potential to destroy my business and that of thousands of other manufacturers nationwide like me. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the useability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88, Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 kHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 kHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When R/C models are operated, great care is taken to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of these safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a billion dollar industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue my business without interference by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid this economic mistake.

Sincerely,

STEVE WORACK
Owner